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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.112, 1.115 & 1.119

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed June 21, 2001, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 15 as follows:

15. (Thrice Amended) A composition comprising (i) a non replicative recombinant adenoviral vector wherein said non replicative recombinant adenoviral vector comprises a heterologous polynucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide, which polynucleotide sequence is inserted into a deleted E1 region of said non replicative recombinant adenoviral vector and is under the control of a promoter selected from the promoter contained in the Long Terminal Repeat of Rous Sarcoma Virus, the promoter of the IE gene of cytomegalovirus, the Mouse Mammary Turnor Virus inducible promoter